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SUBJECT: Urban Terrorism in the
Philippines

A recent spate of hotel fires and assassinations has raised the question of whether or not the Communists have decided to move into a new phase of urban terrorism in the Philippines. Attached is our assessment.

In short, we do not believe the party has as yet made such a decision although there is good evidence that they consider a shift to more violent tactics as a real option. Manila is especially vulnerable to a campaign of urban terrorism. When the party chooses to take this course, it will require no great analytical feat to know that they have done so. Up to now, we can only assume that the leadership has concluded that the gains to be realized through urban terrorism would not outweigh the risk of exposure. We cannot count on this calculation holding up forever.



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